

Please amend the present application as follows:

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("__") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("—"), as is applicable:

1. (Currently amended) A ~~computer-readable medium having a program stored on a non-printed, tangible computer-readable medium, the program for~~ composing a multimedia presentation from a plurality of media elements, the plurality of media elements including audio media elements and image elements, the image elements including at least one still image, the program comprising logic configured to:

determine at least one control setting, the control setting including the duration time for display of the at least one still image in an initial presentation; and

automatically compose the initial presentation, the initial presentation including the plurality of media elements, the initial presentation based in part on the duration time for the at least one still image and the initial presentation based in part on at least one time stamp associated with at least one of the media elements.

2. (Original) The program of claim 1, wherein the logic is further configured to display the initial presentation.

3. (Original) The program of claim 1, wherein the logic is further configured to display an image line, the image line showing the order of appearance of some of the image elements in the initial presentation.

4. (Original) The program of claim 1, wherein the logic is further configured to display a sound line, the sound line showing the order of expression of some of the audio elements in the initial presentation.

5. (Original) The program of claim 3, further comprising logic configured for editing the image line.

6. (Original) The program of claim 4, further comprising logic for editing the sound line.

7. (Original) The program of claim 1, further comprising logic for editing the initial presentation, the logic for editing configured to interface with a user, the logic for editing comprising logic for reordering the media elements.

8. (Original) The program of claim 7, further comprising logic for automatically composing an edited presentation based in part on the duration time for the at least one still image.

9. (Original) The program of claim 7, further comprising logic for automatically composing an edited presentation based in part on the interfacing with the user.

10. (Original) The program of claim 7, wherein the logic for editing further comprises logic for adding graphic elements.

11. (Original) The program of claim 7, wherein the logic for editing further comprises logic for adding text elements.

12. (Original) The program of claim 7, wherein the logic for editing further comprises logic for resetting control settings.

13. (Original) The program of claim 1, wherein the program is configured for operation on a personal computer.

14. (Original) A system for composing a multimedia presentation from a plurality of media elements, the plurality of media elements including audio elements, the plurality of media elements including image elements, the image elements including at least one still image, the system comprising:

means for determining at least one control setting, the control setting including the duration time for the at least one still image;

means for automatically composing an initial presentation, the initial presentation including the plurality of media elements, the initial presentation based in part on the duration time for the at least one still image and based in part on the time of recording of the plurality of media elements.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, further comprising a means for displaying the initial presentation.

16. (Original) The system of claim 14, further comprising a means for displaying an image line, the image line showing the order of appearance of at least some of the image elements in the initial presentation.

17. (Original) The system of claim 14, further comprising a means for displaying a sound line, the sound line showing the order of expression of at least some of the sound elements in the initial presentation.

18. (Previously presented) A method for creating a multimedia presentation from a plurality of media elements, the plurality of media elements including audio elements and image elements, the image elements including at least one still image, the method comprising:

determining at least one control setting, the control setting including the duration time for the at least one still image; and

automatically composing an initial presentation, the initial presentation including the plurality of media elements, the initial presentation based in part on the duration time for the at least one still image and in part on the time of recording of the plurality of media elements.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising displaying the initial presentation.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising displaying an image line, the image line showing the order of appearance of at least some of the image elements in the initial presentation.

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising displaying a sound line, the sound line showing the order of expression of at least some of the sound elements in the initial presentation.

22. (Previously presented) The system of claim 21, further comprising editing the initial presentation, editing including reordering the media elements.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, further comprising composing an edited presentation, the edited presentation based in part on the duration time for the at least one still image.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, further comprising composing an edited presentation, the edited presentation based in part on the reordered media elements.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein editing further comprises adding graphic elements.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein editing further comprises adding text elements.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein editing further comprises resetting control settings.

28. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the method is performed with a personal computer.

29. (Previously presented) The program of claim 1, wherein the logic configured to automatically compose an initial presentation is configured to automatically place selected digital image elements in chronological order.

30. (Previously presented) The program of claim 29, wherein the logic configured to automatically compose an initial presentation is further configured to bind audio elements to the selected image elements.

31. (Previously presented) The program of claim 30, wherein the logic configured to automatically compose an initial presentation is further configured to automatically place selected, unbound audio elements in chronological order.

32. (Previously presented) The program of claim 31, wherein the logic configured to automatically compose an initial presentation is further configured to combine the image elements and the audio elements as a presentation that can be presented to a user as an initial presentation that the user can review and edit.

33. (Previously presented) The program of claim 3, wherein the logic is further configured to display the image line in coordination with display of the presentation.

34. (Previously presented) The program of claim 4, wherein the logic is further configured to display the audio line in coordination with display of the presentation.

35. (New) A method for creating a presentation, the method comprising:
receiving control settings that control characteristics of an initial presentation;
presenting media elements including one or more of separate still image elements, video image elements, and audio elements to a user for selection;
enabling the user to bind user-selected media elements to each other; and
automatically composing an initial presentation with reference to the control settings and without further input from the user, the initial presentation comprising an image-track that is a graphical representation of the initial presentation and that arranges user-selected image elements in chronological order and a sound-track that is a graphical representation of the initial presentation and that arranges user-selected audio elements relative to the image elements.

36. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the control settings are user-selected control settings.

37. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the control settings include a duration that still images are to be displayed.

38. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein automatically composing an initial presentation comprises automatically ordering both still and video image elements together in chronological order.

39. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein automatically composing an initial presentation further comprises automatically ordering the audio elements first according to the order of still image elements to which audio elements are bound, and second according to chronological order.

40. (New) The method of claim 39, further comprising displaying to a user the initial presentation along with the image-track and the sound-track.

41. (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising enabling a user to edit the initial presentation to create a final presentation.

42. (New) A system for creating a presentation, the system comprising:
means for receiving control settings that control characteristics of an initial presentation;

means for presenting media elements including one or more of separate still image elements, video image elements, and audio elements to a user for selection;

means for enabling the user to bind user-selected media elements to each other; and

means for automatically composing an initial presentation with reference to the control settings and without further input from the user, the initial presentation comprising an image-track that is a graphical representation of the initial presentation and that arranges user-selected image elements in chronological order and a sound-track that is a graphical representation of the initial presentation and arranges user-selected audio elements relative to the image elements.

43. (New) The system of claim 42, wherein the control settings are user-selected control settings.

44. (New) The system of claim 42, wherein the control settings include a duration that still images are to be displayed.

45. (New) The system of claim 42, wherein the means for automatically composing an initial presentation comprise means for automatically ordering both still and video image elements together in chronological order.

46. (New) The system of claim 45, wherein the means for automatically composing an initial presentation further comprise means for automatically ordering the audio elements first according to the order of still image elements to which audio elements are bound, and second according to chronological order.

47. (New) The system of claim 46, further comprising means for displaying to a user the initial presentation along with the image-track and the sound-track.

48. (New) The system of claim 47, further comprising means for enabling a user to edit the initial presentation to create a final presentation.